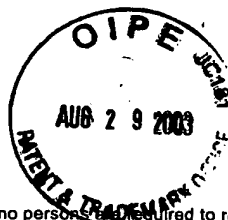


Attorney Docket No.: SF0977X

Application No.: 09/869,388

Filing Date: 10/09/2001

Inventor: Elizabeth Bates et al.



RECEIVED

SEP 04 2003

TECH CENTER 600/290

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0650-0047
U. S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person shall be required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

**Mailstop: Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents**

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on 08/27/2003

Date

Signature

Michael G. Biro, Reg. No. 46,556

Typed or printed name of person of signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Documents submitted:

Amendment - 7 Pages

Response Transmittal Form PTO/SB/21 - 1 Page

Certificate of Mailing -PTO/SB92 - 1 Page

Post Card

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.03 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



RECEIVED

SEP 04 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PATENT CASE NO. SF0977X

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Michail A. Belyavskyi

In re application of:
Elizabeth Bates *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/869,388

Filing Date: October 9, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: SF0977 X

MONOCYTE-DERIVED
HOMOLOG OF
FDF03 PROTEIN
(as amended)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Kenilworth, NJ 07033
August 27, 2003

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2003 in the above-referenced application, having a shortened statutory period set to expire September 2, 2003.

Please amend the application captioned above as follows: